

FY 2004 / 2005

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

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In FY2005, the Southern Command had a 5.0% increase in total traffic crashes over FY2004. The 5.0% increase in total traffic crashes was well below the projected maximum of 9% calculated upon 5% above the population increase, which was based on county projections, 4% in Clark County. The command handled a total of 12,906 crashes in FY2005, 618 more than FY2004. There was a 7.2% increase in property damage crashes and a 6.0% increase in fatal crashes. There was a 0.4% decrease in injury crashes. There were 88 fatal crashes in FY2005, 5 more than FY2004. There was a 2.1% decrease in fatalities. 92 people died in crashes in FY2005, 2 less than FY2004 and 15 less than FY2003. DUI arrests from traffic crashes and DUI arrests prior to crash continue to be a concern. DUI arrests as a result of traffic crashes were up 10.4% in FY2005. DUI arrests prior to a traffic crash were up 11.6% over FY2004 and 18.1% over FY2003.

In FY2005, Traffic personnel had a 4.0% increase in total activity over FY2004. There were decreases in Speed Violations, Hazardous Moving Violations, and Occupant Restraint Violations. Each of these areas showed a decrease of 17.9%, 6.7%, and 31.6% respectively. There was an 11.3% increase in total DUI Arrests, a 12.8% increase in Other Arrests, and a 13.4% increase in Total Persons Arrested. A large part of the noted decreases in Traffic activity are due to the increases in total crashes and the field training and lack of experience of the 21 new Troopers trained throughout FY2005.

In FY2005 Commercial personnel had a considerable decrease of activity in several reportable categories compared to FY2004. Some of the most notable decreases were a 58.2% decrease in Other Traffic violations-Citations/Arrests, a 44.2% decrease in Total Vehicles Placed Out of Service, a 56.3% decrease in Total Trucks Weighed, and a 33.7% decrease in Dyed Fuel Inspections. Commercial personnel had a 33.3% increase in Dyed Fuel citations, a 12.3% increase in Total Drivers Placed Out of Service, and an 11.5 % increase in Total Safety Inspections. A large part of the noted decreases in Commercial activity are due to the vacancy rate in the Commercial section, personnel who are not fully trained, and a large commitment to the Homeland Security initiative.

The Southern Command has had significant change in the vacancy rate in FY2005 as compared to FY2004. As of June 30, 2005 the Southern Command had 1 vacant urban traffic trooper positions and 1 vacant rural traffic trooper positions. There are currently a total of 2 vacancies out of a total allocation of 133 traffic trooper positions. There are currently no vacancies in the allocated commercial sergeant/trooper positions. The Commercial section is allocated 22 trooper positions and currently has 13 Troopers available to work the road. As of June 30, 2005, the Southern Command, has 9 commercial troopers temporarily assigned to urban traffic operations.

The Southern Command Communications Center continues to struggle with a high vacancy rate. There are currently 14 vacant PSD-III positions and 1 vacant PSD-IV position out of a total allocation of 32 dispatch positions. The Communications Center is currently in the process of giving up one PSD-V and one PSD-IV position for a Lieutenant position to oversee the Traffic Management Communications Center. There are currently 11 applicants for PSD-III in background checks and up to 7 will be hired as soon as those backgrounds are completed and approved. The Southern Command Communications Center will continue to experience major difficulties until the vacancies are filled.

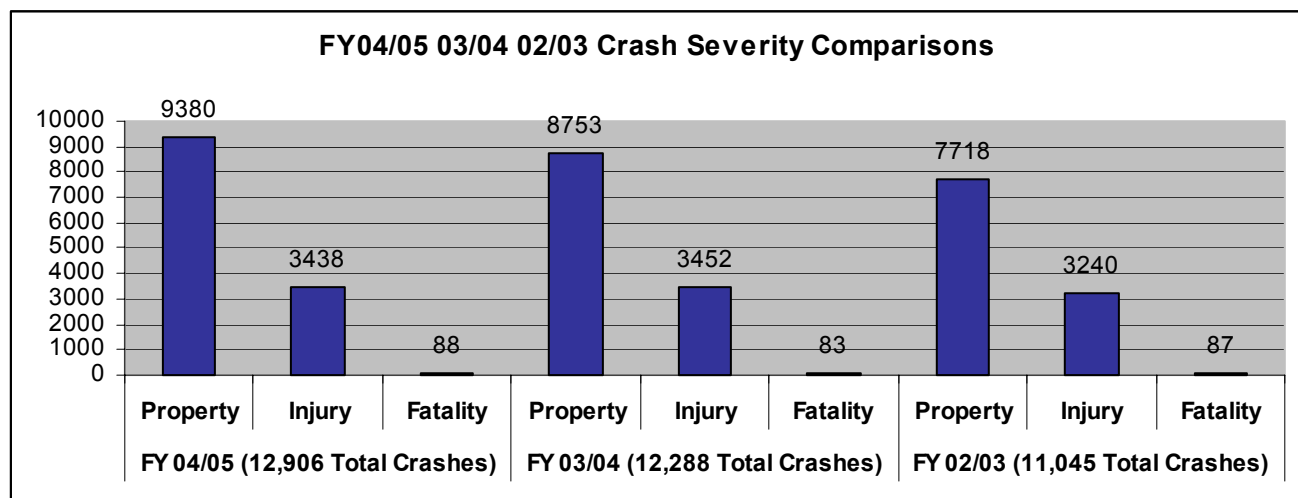
The Southern Command, during FY2005, has moved into a new Headquarters building that has been in the works since 1999. The facility has provided the additional workspace needed by this Command for years, to improve the working environment for our employees as well as improving our ability to provide better service to the public.

## CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	FY 04/05	FY 03/04	% Change	FY 02/03	% Change
Total crashes	12,906	12,288	5.0%	11,045	16.8%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	9,380	8,753	7.2%	7,718	21.5%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3,438	3,452	-0.4%	3,240	6.1%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	88	83	6.0%	87	1.1%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	604	547	10.4%	476	26.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	92	94	-2.1%	107	-14.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	31	23	34.8%	43	-27.9%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	13	15	-13.3%	16	-18.8%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	19	26	-26.9%	22	-13.6%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	8	12	-33.3%	9	-11.1%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	21	19	10.5%	12	75.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	679	738	-8.0%	695	-2.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	517	561	-7.8%	511	1.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	151	170	-11.2%	171	-11.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	11	7	57.1%	13	-15.4%

### FY 04/05 CRASH ANALYSIS

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.7%
- Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 62.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.3%
- Total crashes up 5.0% compared to FY 03/04.
- Commercial vehicle crashes down 8.0% compared to FY 03/04.
- Fatality crashes increased 6.0% compared to FY 03/04.



## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	FY 04/05		FY 03/04	% Change		FY 02/03	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	604		547	10.4%		476	26.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	1,777		1,592	11.6%		1,505	18.1%
Other arrests	10,173		9,021	12.8%		9,953	2.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	4,674		4,120	13.4%		3,995	17.0%
Speed violations	28,066		34,197	-17.9%		37,786	-25.7%
Hazardous moving violations	22,215		23,821	-6.7%		23,507	-5.5%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	5,264		7,695	-31.6%		6,529	-19.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	116,648		112,213	4.0%		111,979	4.2%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	514		517	-0.6%		405	26.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	806		1,929	-58.2%		2,474	-67.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	7,761		6,960	11.5%		6,503	19.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	39		84	-53.6%		6	550.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	2,205		2,883	-23.5%		3,447	-36.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	15,364		22,262	-31.0%		31,376	-51.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	920		1,649	-44.2%		1,267	-27.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	851		758	12.3%		818	4.0%
Total school buses inspected	2,578		2,446	5.4%		2,534	1.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	421		457	-7.9%		418	0.7%
Total trucks weighed	2,236		5,116	-56.3%		4,967	-55.0%
Total overweight citations	299		425	-29.6%		450	-33.6%
Total dyed fuel inspections	4,594		6,926	-33.7%		4,933	-6.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	8		6	33.3%		11	-27.3%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	14		266		286
Safety Violations Citation	29		205		10
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	53		800		53
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1		41		10
Dyed Fuel Inspections	13		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	1		0		0

Data in this table inclusive of Dec 04 through June 05 (Data not obtained prior to Dec 04)

**OPERATIONS ANALYSIS**

- Average BAC 0.167%
- Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- 9% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- 5% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- Traffic Enforcement is up 4% from last year and up 4.2% from the previous year.
- Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is down 0.6% from last year.
- Commercial vehicle inspections are up 11.5% from last year.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	FY 04/05		FY 03/04	% Change		FY 02/03	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	330,421*		N/A **	N/A		N/A**	N/A
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,557,323		N/A **	N/A		N/A**	N/A
CAD Incidents	254,493		257,205	-1.1%		192,894	31.9%
Telephone Calls	413,479		416,769	-0.8%		417,667	-1.0%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	1,629		638	155.3%		N/A	N/A
<i>*Represents 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of FY04/05 only</i>							
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	13,240		12,711	4.2%		N/A	N/A
Arrest Reports Processed	5,093		6,019	-15.4%		N/A	N/A
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	287		465	-38.3%		N/A	N/A
Vehicle Impound Releases	2,010		1,636	22.9%		N/A	N/A
Visitors at Counter	9,047		9,884	-8.5%		N/A	N/A
Crash Reports Mailed Out	78,984		71,490	10.5%		N/A	N/A
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	4,559		5,047	-9.7%		N/A	N/A
Warrants Entered	4,434		4,612	-3.9%		N/A	N/A
Warrants Cleared	2,614		20,550	-87.3%		N/A	N/A
Warrants Validated	19,181		44,792	-57.2%		N/A	N/A
Extradition / Transports	158		150	5.3%		N/A	N/A
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	1,383		1,358	1.8%		1,445	-4.3%
New Items Submitted	2,561		2,319	10.4%		2,700	-5.1%
Items Disposed	4,413		726	507.9%		1,919	130.0%

\*\*Radio TX unavailable due to 800 mghz transition

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 131 Total Contracts requiring 4,905.95 work hours, billing for \$333,057.23

**EVIDENCE**

- Nevada Highway Patrol was responsible for 94.2% of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation was responsible for 4.0% of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation was responsible for 1.2 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.4% of case submissions.

**INTERAGENCY CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM****Narcotics Seizures**

- Marijuana: 941.22 lbs or 427,313.90 Grams
- Cocaine: 342.21 lbs or 155,362.60 Grams
- Methamphetamine: 69.28 lbs or 31,451.00 Grams

**Asset Seizures**

- Total Currency: \$3,212,502.00
- Weapons: 7
- Vehicles: 16 seized – 5 recovered stolen

**AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS**

- 51 Speed Enforcement missions flown.
- 36 Prisoner transports.
- 5 Extraditions.
- 4 Personnel Transports.
- 4 Special assignments.
- 3 Other assignments.

**COMMENDATIONS**

- 105 from citizens to sworn employees.
- 366 from Command/Supervision to Division employees.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

- **Drivers Edge:** Educating the Teens of the dangers of DUI'S, drag racing, and the importance of seatbelt safety.
- **Nellis Air Force Base Airman's Briefing:** Over 1440 Airman educated with in 24 classes.
- **Special Olympics of Southern Nevada:** The Southern Command raised over \$13,000.00
- **H.E.A.T.** Educating Adults and Teens at schools, private companies, organizations, and events.

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS - FY04/05**

- During the second quarter of FY 04/05 Mount Charleston experienced wild fires adjacent to SR156. Troopers conducted needed road closures while fire fighters contained the blaze.
- During the third quarter of FY04/05 the Moapa District experienced severe flooding in several locations. The affected area's included the City of Mesquite, Overton and Logandale. Troopers assisted LVMPD Officers with numerous residential and business evacuations. Over 250 homes and businesses were damaged by the flood waters. Governor Kenny Guinn and Director Togliatti toured the damaged areas. The areas were soon after declared disaster areas.
- During the final quarter of FY 04/05 the Southern Command relocated its Headquarters to the new TMC facility in Las Vegas, and the Primm and Pahrump Districts now occupy new sub-stations. In addition, the Indian Springs sub-station received some much needed remodeling.



The DPS Highway Patrol, Southern Command – Traffic Management Center



The DPS Highway Patrol – Pahrump Sub Station



The DPS Highway Patrol – Primm Sub Station